

affected due to delicensing of Dairy Industry and by competition from major international producers and exporters of milk products;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of milk during the lean summer months?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.LENKA):** (a) and (b). The emergence of a large number of milk product manufacturing units in an unregulated manner could lead to competition between co-operative dairies and others for liquid milk. However, the interests of the co-operative dairy sector will be protected.

(c) It is normal practice to use conserved milk products during the lean season and also impose selective restrictions on the

conversion of milk into milk products to improve milk availability during lean summer months.

#### Production and Requirement of Kerosene

**1479. SHRI ARVIND TULSIRAM KAMBLE:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production and requirement of kerosene in the country;
- (b) whether there is any gap in its production and requirement; and
- (c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to bridge the gap?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND):** (a) and (b). The total production & consumption of SKO is as under:-

(Figs. in MT)

| Year    | Indigenous production | Consumption |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1988-89 | 5201                  | 7731        |
| 1989-90 | 5700                  | 8239        |
| 1990-91 | 5472                  | 8385*       |

\*Provisional

(c) To the extent possible, the gap between demand and availability is bridged by imports.

#### Visit by Cuban Foreign Minister

**1480. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minister of Cuba visited India recently; and

(b) if so, the bilateral matters including trade that figured in his talks with Indian leaders and the outcome thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):** (a)